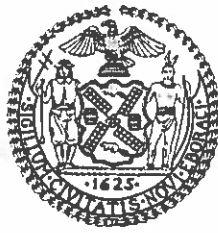


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

May 21, 2015

Hon. Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
One Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: 121 East 78th Street (between Park and Lexington Avenues)-Upper East Side Historic District

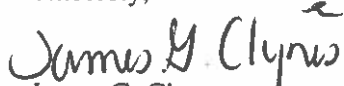
Dear Chair Srinivasan:

At the Full Board meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, the board adopted the following resolution regarding **121 East 78th Street (between Park and Lexington Avenues)-Upper East Side Historic District-Halsted Wells, Halsted Wells Associates**-An Italianate style residence designed by an unknown architect and constructed in 1871. Application is for sidewalk replacement.

WHEREAS the existing bluestone sidewalk has a random pattern;
WHEREAS the existing bluestone sidewalk has heaved so that the bluestone flags are uneven and present a tripping hazard;
WHEREAS five of the bluestone flags have deteriorated;
WHEREAS the existing tree planter in the southeast corner of the sidewalk is undersized and framed by four small pieces of bluestone, two either side;
WHEREAS all the bluestone flags will be removed and re-set over a new four inch thick concrete slab to create an even walking surface and to preclude heaving in the future;
WHEREAS the deteriorated bluestone flags will be replaced with new bluestone flags to match the existing;
WHEREAS the existing tree pit will be extended to the west, to the property line;
WHEREAS the exiting tree pit will be extended slightly to the north to eliminate the slight offset in the east-west joint line immediately to the north of the tree pit;
WHEREAS the two small pieces of bluestone and one large flag to the east of the tree pit will be replaced by one bluestone flag approximating the size of the three existing flags;
WHEREAS the existing random pattern will be retained with the exception of the area around the tree pit;
WHEREAS the bluestone sidewalk is contextual and appropriate within the historic district.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is approved as presented.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Sincerely,


James G. Clynes
Chairman


David Helpern and Jane Parshall
Co-Chairs, Landmarks Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 26th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District